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**Notice drawing attention to Rule 51(2) EPC, Article 2 No. 5 of the Rules relating to Fees,  
- Payment of the renewal fee plus additional fee -**

The renewal fee for the 04. year fell due on 29.02.08 unless this date falls within the period covered by an interruption of the proceedings in accordance with Rule 142(1) EPC, or a request for re-establishment of rights is pending (Art. 122, R. 51(4) EPC).

The amount of the renewal fee on that date was **EUR 500,00** (see current Schedule of fees and costs).

**The renewal fee was not paid by the due date.**

The renewal fee may still be validly paid **up to the last day of the sixth calendar month** following the due date, provided that the additional fee (50% of the renewal fee) is paid at the same time, cf. OJ EPO 2008, 5.

Within the above period, which cannot be extended, the following fees are to be paid:

Renewal fee for the 04. year:	EUR	500,00
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TOTAL AMOUNT	EUR	750,00

**If the renewal fee and the additional fee are not paid in due time, the European patent application shall be deemed to be withdrawn (Art. 86(1) EPC).**

**Note to users of the automatic debiting procedure**

The normal time limit for payment of the above renewal fee had already expired when the automatic debit order was received. The renewal fee and the surcharge will be debited automatically on the last day of the six-month period (Supplement to OJ EPO 10, 2007).

**For the Examining Division**



**Note**

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#### Notification of European publication number and Information on the application of Article 67(3) EPC

The provisional protection under Article 67(1) and (2) EPC in the individual contracting states becomes effective only when the conditions referred to in Article 67(3) EPC have been fulfilled (for further details, see information brochure of the European Patent Office "National Law relating to the EPC" and additional information in the Official Journal of the European Patent Office).

Pursuant to Article 158(1) EPC the publication under Article 21 PCT of an international application for which the European Patent Office is a designated Office takes the place of the publication of a European patent application.

The bibliographic data of the above-mentioned Euro-PCT application will be published on 08.11.06 in Section I.1 of the European Patent Bulletin. The European publication number is 1718263.

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## Communication pursuant to Rules 109 and 110 EPC

### (1) Amendment of application documents, especially the claims (R. 109 EPC)

The above mentioned international (Euro-PCT) application has entered the European phase, or can do so, once the necessary conditions are fulfilled.

Under Articles 28, 41 PCT, Rules 52, 78 PCT and Rule 86(2) to (4) EPC, the applicant may amend the application documents after receiving the international search report.

**Whether or not he has already done so, he now has a further opportunity to file amended claims or other application documents within a non-extendable time limit of one month after notification of the present communication (R. 109 EPC).**

The claims applicable on expiry of the above time limit, i.e. those filed on entry into the European phase or in response to the present communication, will form the basis for the calculation of any claims fee to be paid (see page 2) and for any supplementary search to be carried out under Article 157(2) EPC (R. 109 EPC).

**(2) Claims fees under Rule 110 EPC**

If the application documents on which the European grant procedure is to be based comprise more than ten claims, a claims fee shall be payable for the eleventh and each subsequent claim within the period provided for in Rule 107(1) EPC.

- ☒ Based on the application documents currently on file, all necessary claims fees have already been paid (or the documents do not comprise more than 10 claims).
- ☐ All necessary fees will be/have been debited automatically according to the automatic debit order.
- ☐ The claims fee due for the claims ..... to ..... were not paid within the above-mentioned period.

Any non-paid claims fee, either based on the current set of claims or on any amended claims to be filed pursuant to Rule 109 EPC (see page 1), may still be validly paid within a non-extendable period of grace of **one month** after notification of this communication.

If a payment is made for only some of the claims, it must be indicated for which claims it is intended. If a claims fee is not paid in due time, the claim concerned is deemed to be abandoned (R. 110(4) EPC).

If claims fees have already been paid, but on expiry of the above-mentioned time limit there is a new set of claims containing fewer fee-incurring claims than previously, the claims fees in excess of those due under Rule 110(2), 2nd sentence, EPC will be refunded (R. 110(3) EPC).

You are reminded that any supplementary search under Article 157(2) EPC will relate only to the last set of claims applicable on expiry of the above time limit AND will be confined to those fee-incurring claims for which fees have been paid in due time.

**The fee for the eleventh and each subsequent claim is EUR 45,00.**

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